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HARDING
U N I V E R S I T Y

Voters register in Searcy

By Martha Townsend

Harding's voter registration drive was headquartered Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon in the Trophy Room of the American Heritage Center. Agnes Liles, deputy registrar in the county clerk's office, sat at a typewriter asking a series of eight questions to students wishing to vote in Searcy this November. The entire process took less than five minutes.

The response, she said, has been "real good. More have come than I expected."

Students who are registered in Searcy will be able to vote in the Heritage building on November 7. Then they can participate in all areas of the Arkansas and White County election as well as on the national level.

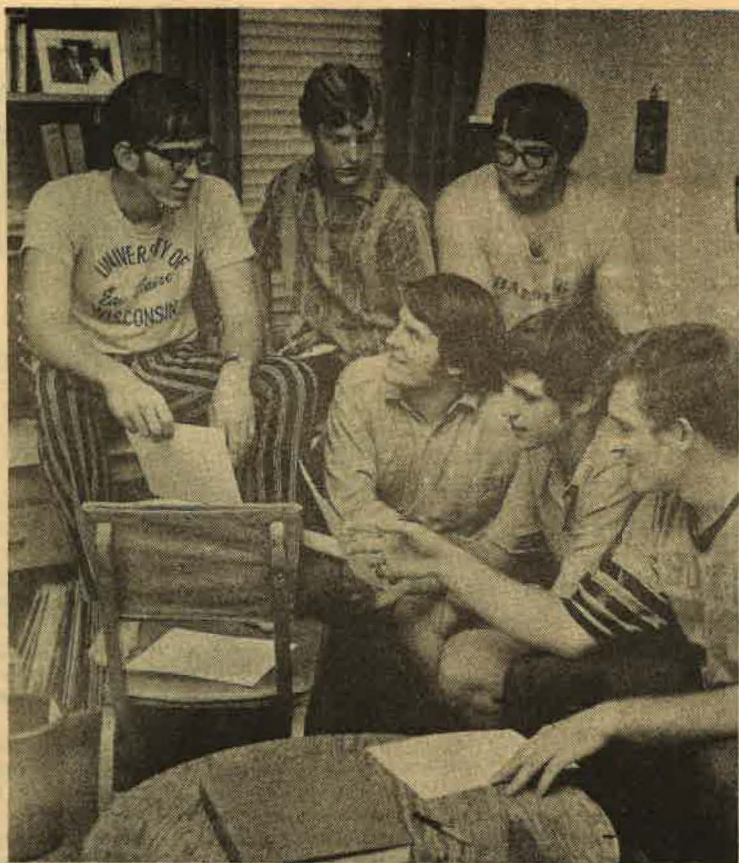
According to Mrs. Liles, students who have registered in their home state should write to the county clerk in their county requesting an absentee ballot or vote in her office prior to the day of the election.

The deadline for registration in Arkansas is October 17.



Agnes Liles, deputy registrar, adds junior Barbara Pyle to the list of White County voters.

— Bison photo by Estes



Bob Schwenker, left, candidate for senior president, solicits votes for election day in the dorm.

— Bison photo by Estes

Three run-offs climax class officers elections

By Beverly Jacques

Three run-off elections for the offices of senior class president, and sophomore class president and secretary-treasurer were the results of Wednesday's upperclassmen class elections.

Bob Schwenker and Danny Smelser will meet again in a run-off election for the senior class presidency. Sammy Hinton and Kathy Harshbarger, both unopposed candidates, were elected to the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectfully.

The junior class elected unopposed candidate Gary Hill,

president; Christy Cantrell, vice-president and Brenda Mason, secretary-treasurer. No run-off election resulted.

The sophomore class, however, will vote again for either Jay Trotter or Howard Morris for president, and Gloria Burch or Nancy Sowell for secretary-treasurer. Unopposed Marc Muncy is the sophomore class vice-president.

The election of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, women's Student Association representative, and men's Student Association representative for the freshmen class will be held Wed., October 11.

Petit Jean
class pix
to be taken
Oct. 2-7

'I made it, I made it!'; Belles and Beaux add six

By Beth Tucker

"I made it! I made it!" Junior Billy Pullen's ecstatic cries well voiced the sentiments of all six newly elected Belles and Beaux. For those students, the week had been one of anxious rehearsals, nervous butterflies and slowly diminishing fingernails. But now it has all paid off, and the coveted invitation to join the U.S.O. famous musical troupe is theirs.

The new additions to the cast include four belles — Donna Arnold, sophomore; Ann Ulrey, freshman; Kathy Roberts, freshman; and Pam Powers, freshman — and two beaux — Joe Roper, sophomore; and Billy Pullen, junior.



Ann Ulrey, freshman, strums her way through one of her first rehearsals as a new member of the Belles & Beaux.

— Bison photo by Sewell

Red Cross to bring syringes, bags to collect blood

By Mackye Simpson

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will wheel in campus Tues., Oct. 10, through Thurs., Oct. 12, to draw a number of units of blood "for surpassing" the previous 550 units from the veins of the H.C. community, according to Dr. Don England, chairman of the drive.

In a letter to social club presidents, Dr. England stated that the "tremendous success of recent blood draws has been largely due to active support from men's and women's social clubs," and that interclub competition will again be a part of the drive, with a plaque being presented to the clubs with the highest percent of participation.

To eliminate some of the confusion that has existed in the past regarding the selection of winning clubs, Dr. England set forth the following guidelines:

1. Sign your name on your club sheet when you register to donate. If for any reason your donation is not accepted, you will still be regarded as an active participant in the drive.
2. No club crossing, please.
3. Yes, you may recruit from independents but recruited independents should be listed separately on the club sheet when you register. A separate award will be given for the club recruiting the greatest percentage of independent donors.
4. Small clubs have the same opportunity to win an award plaque as large clubs since all awards will be made on a percentage basis.
5. Please turn your list of club members into the student personnel office as early as possible so the winning clubs can be determined.

WSRO to attempt Harding chapter, unite women

By Ann Ulrey

The Women Students' Representative Organization will soon have a Harding Chapter, according to Dean Bernadine Egly.

A lengthy constitution for the organization has been written. Two of its purposes are "to provide unity among the women of Harding College, and to promote emotional and mental maturity for the women students."

All women students would automatically become members of the WSRO and pay dues to the organization at the beginning of each semester. These dues would be used to buy recreational facilities for the dorms.

The president and vice president of WSRO would be elected, but the other officers might be either elected or appointed. Religious and social activities chairmen would be

appointed, whose duties would include directing spiritual and social activities in the dorms.

A judicial board would be formed in order to act on disciplinary matters that are referred to it by Dean Egly.

Mrs. Egly said that she is interested in finding out the student body's reaction to the organization and that she will strongly support WSRO if the women students are in favor of it.



'Man of La Mancha' shapes up for Oct. 28 opening

Faculty director Bob West shows shopomore Ken Dowdy the proper gesture for his role in "Man of La Mancha" while assorted actors and stage crew member, Mike Westerfield, Danny Tullios and Brick Wall, overve the "salt-over-you-left-shoulder" technique.

— Bison photo by Estes

Apathy pervades campus, grows with age

Why is it that only 64 per cent of Harding's qualified students are registered to vote and 90 per cent of those haven't made a move to secure an absentee ballot for the Nov. 7 Presidential election? The reason is plain, stupid apathy.

Of course, this seeming disdain to have any part in the democratic election of the U.S. Chief Executive is consistent with campus voting habits. It appears to me that the non-voting religious dogma of one well-established Bible professor has unconsciously been taken to heart by many students who protested this man's "un-American ideal."

Campus voters few

Interest in any kind of election around here is about nil — both on the part of the voters and the candidates. On Wednesday's ballot for the officers of the upperclasses there were four UNOPPOSED positions out of nine. And the number of voters was disgraceful as usual.

The vice president of the sophomore class and the president of the junior class were without opponents. Yet both the vice president and secretary-treasurer spots of the senior class were no contest farces. Apathy increases with credit hours but the freshman doesn't arrive in Searcy an apathetic slob.

On the slate for next week's freshman class officers election are five presidential candidates, six vice presidential candidates and seven students vying for the secretary-treasurer position. Six men and seven women are running for freshman Student Association representatives.

How do these freshman statistics compare with last spring's upperclassmen S.A. representatives election? The word is not favorably.

Seniors most apathetic

Both the senior men's rep. and the junior women's rep. positions were handed to unopposed candidates. There were but two contenders in each of the S.A. representative races.

As for the elections of the S.A. Executive Council — our ultimate student governing body — the most exciting thing happened. Apathy was temporarily abandoned as a write-in downed the officially unopposed presidential candidate. This was accomplished by a large 50 per cent turnout at the student center polls.

The vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Student Association were each one-man races. Of course.

Why do we seem to view competition as unwholesome? If the Democratic Party had failed to produce a candidate (Have they

produced a candidate?) and Richard Nixon was unopposed for the U.S. Presidency, cries of "Dictator, Fuhrer, Emperor, Caesar" would arise from all corners of the country.

Use vote right, practice here

The people have the right to choose — that's called democracy. The people also have the right to nominate contenders for each elective office from their ranks. All 18-year-old citizens have the right to add their vote to the total of their man for the job.

Harding College is part of the United States of America. Governmental goings-on do affect us in our Arkansan isolation. Exercise your rights that every other college student has dreamed of and lobbied for the past several years. Practice this all-important skill in student elections.

In star-spangled red, white and blue letters I urge you to VOTE!!

— K.B.

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Christians fight walrus beliefs

By Allen Black

"Sitting on a cornflake — waiting for the van to come. Corporation teeshirt, stupid bloody tuesday man you been a naughty boy you let your face grow long. I am the eggman . . ." ("I Am the Walrus" — Beatles) This kind of (non) thinking, if taken seriously, will destroy New Testament Christianity.

We know from experience in the college community that there are at least slight variations in how people think — of course, what; but also, how. We also know from our studies that these variations are greater when we cross major cultural barriers.

But many of us are unaware that there are those within our culture who think radically differently than we do. Many of the most intellectual 20th century men have a mentality we would call insanity. Irrationality is in vogue as a way of thinking and running your life. It is modern man's (non) form of thinking.

The new (non) thinking is in plays (Theatre of the Absurd: Sartre's "No Exit," Camus's "Waiting for Godot," books (Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," music ("The Walrus," Hendrix?), modern art, and absurd movies. These art forms are deliberately being used to promote irrational thinking. The idea swarms all around us, and if we are not aware of the danger, we are likely to get stung.

We, as Christians, must stand in confrontation to this kind of thinking for two reasons

1) Such (non) thinking stems for a rejection of God. For the atheist, man's mind is like everything else, the product of chance. And the product of this mind, reason, fares no better. Consistency with these facts leads the modern mind into irrationality.

The Christian, with his belief about man being created in the

image of God, need not arrive at such a conclusion. The very fact that God reveals Himself to us through a reasonable book demonstrates that God has granted us a reasonable nature.

2) Not only does this irrationality stem from a rejection of God; but if accepted it will destroy New Testament Christianity. If we accept their proposal we must draw swords against Peter, for in I Pet. 3:15 he counsels defense of Christianity by giving reasons for our hope.

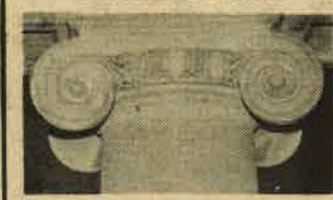
We could no longer give reasons for our belief in God or call history to the defense of Christ's Deity. Irrational Christianity would be merely a leap in the dark. It was not so for the men God directed to reveal his will and it must not be so for us.

As educated Christians we need to be aware of trends in our society and be prepared to meet them "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us." II Cor. 2:11.

These basic ideas come from Francis Schaeffer who states that "this change in the concept of the way we come to knowledge and truth is the most crucial problem, as I understand it, facing Christianity today." The God Who Is There, p. 13.



Fifth Column



By Kathy Burton

"Well, I'll be dormed!"

That was my first light-hearted, incredulous reaction to the fact that I was about to be banished to my cubicle every evening at 7 for the following week and weekend.

Optimistically, I looked at my punishment for two hours and ten minutes of extenuating circumstances as a new experience with some providential purpose — a) to teach me patience, b) to keep me out of the wicked night air, c) to give me time to study or d) to drive me crazy. Check choice d.

The first night of my confinement at precisely 6:59 p.m. I dashed madly up the elevator (as much as you can dash in an elevator) to third floor to declare my dormation to my dorm mother, Mrs. Warden. (The names have been changed to protect the innocent) Then to my fourth floor cell.

I've always been a mood studier. I study when the mood hits me. Sometimes it has to hit me rather hard but when it does it's at an unusual time — like while I'm riding my bike over a bridge or during the wrong class or during a chapel speech (not Mike Justus', of course) or while I'm waiting to take my permanent-press clothes out of the dryer. Not when I'm seated at a desk between 7 and 10 p.m.

Since studying wasn't it, I commenced that first night to philosophize about my situation. It's not such a terrible thing to be sent to your room. It happens daily to children between the ages of 5 and 12.

Rather than locked in my air-conditioned, carpeted, telephone-equipped, beautifully decorated in early college room I could have been chained to a stake in the KHCA offices in the basement of the Bible building. Thankfully 20th century penal reforms have abolished such inhumane treatment.

During pre-7 p.m. hours I have found my casual shyness cast aside while outright gregariousness takes over. Every cafeteria meal lasts two hours — I just enjoy the presence of numbers of people in large spaces.

I began Project: Know Your Room to occupy my idle hours. Did you know that rooms in the Heritage measure 5 tennis racket lengths wide, 6 1-2 lengths long and 4 1-4 deep? That makes the area equal to 138.125 square tennis rackets.

Or were you aware that it takes a bathroom neon light 1.86 seconds to illuminate fully? Or that the four walls imprisoning me are the exact same color as the sea green crayon in your box of 64 Crayolas?

Being dormed is not solitary confinement. "I get by with a little help from my friends."

It's being asked to the movie at quarter of seven or to a seven o'clock rag-tag game.

It's watching the Saturday night movie complete with neglected friends, buttered popcorn and a root beer.

Dormation is playing Rook with wonderful junior transfers from that nearby college called Fred-Herman. It's also being invited to watch television with your dorm mom.

There's a moral to this story. Those few late minutes you spend outside the dorm saying good-night may eventually put you in your room at 7 p.m. for a weekend — Friday through Sunday.

Thirty late minutes are not worth 13 hours of being dormed. I know. Tomorrow at 6 a.m. I can walk out of the Heritage a free woman. Celebrate! Celebrate!

To read or not to read?

Heimburger backs Schaeffer

By Doug Heimburger

"The Christian system is consistent as no other system that has ever been. It is beautiful beyond words, because it has that quality that no other system completely has — you begin at the beginning, and you can go to the end. It is as simple as that."

"And every part and portion of the system can be related back to the beginning. Whatever you discuss, to understand it properly, you just go back to the beginning and the whole thing is in its place."

This quote from Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer's, *The God Who Is There*, pretty well sums up the gist of his work of 10 major books. Schaeffer helps the Christian reader, very carefully, to go from the very beginning to the very end, in a way in which no serious reader can come out without having been strengthened in the knowledge that Christ is the Truth.

The writings of Schaeffer, director of L'Abri Fellowship in Huemol, Switzerland, are an excellent place for one to begin reading, in order to better understand his culture and his faith. In his first two books, *Escape From Reason* and *The God Who Is There*, Schaeffer goes step-by-step through a penetrating analysis of modern thought.

He begins in the 13th century, and carries it all the way through to the present day, explaining the change in the concept of truth which has caused man to throw out all absolutes and begin with himself.

In *Death In The City*, Schaeffer points the finger of Jeremiah at our culture, showing how the

corruption against which he preached parallels what we see today.

The Church At The End of the Twentieth Century, *The Mary of the Christian*, and *The Church Before the Watching World*, are addressed to the church, showing from Scripture what is necessary if she is to be a vital, living reality, and an influence in changing the monolithic truth-concept of twentieth-century man.

The Spirituality is an excellent treatment of what the Christian needs to know and do in order to really walk hand-in-hand with God.

Pollution and the Death of Man: The Christian View of Ecology is exactly what the title implies. In it, Schaeffer answers the questions, "What is the real reason behind the ecological crisis?" and "What should the Christian think and do about it?", and answers very well Lynn White, Jr.'s blaming of Christianity for the whole ecological crisis. This would be a good text for Harding's ecology courses.

And Schaeffer's latest two books, *He Is There and He Is Not Silent*, and *Genesis In Space and Time*, released in August, I'm sure are quite excellent. The former is on epistemology (the theory of knowledge), and the latter defends the absolute historicity of Genesis.

Whether you've been interested in reading before or not, I recommend Schaeffer's books as a good place to begin, as his is perhaps the best cultural and world analysis from the Christian viewpoint in our time.

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Debate team to argue socialized medicine in America



Junior Debbie Deidiker shares the opinion of medical experts who support the affirmative's arguments.

— Bison Photo by Estes

By Robyn Smith
National Health Insurance. Ah, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler to break one's health researching and devising a comprehensive health program for America and to defend one's reasons for having it, or to break one's health researching and not devising a comprehensive health program and to defend one's reasons for not having it.

At least, that's the question Harding's varsity debaters have been asking themselves since the school year's beginning. It's also the national topic, the question which is debated all year, of debate teams of colleges and universities across the nation.

Under direction of Dr. Evan Ulrey, chairman of the speech department, and Pat Garner, assistant forensics director, the nine-member varsity will have the opportunity to participate in tournaments in nine different states this year, debating the pros and cons of socialized medicine in America.

Returning to the team this year are seniors Roger Castle and Tom Estes, juniors Debbie Deidiker, Martha Denewiler and Jana Smith, and sophomores Susan Cline and Richard Paine.

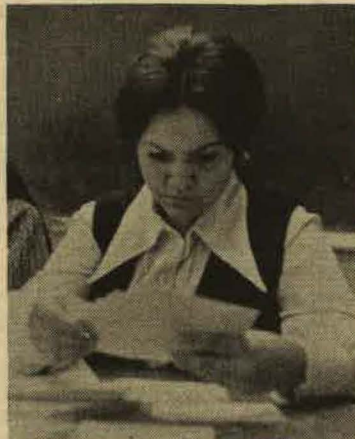
Joining the debators as freshmen are Joe Corum of Kansas City, Kan., and Joe Cordeau of Ft. Collins, Colo., both of whom

have had experience in high school debating.

"Debating is the systematic examination of a topic," Dr. Ulrey remarked. "Our debaters began researching the topic of socialized medicine the day they arrived at Harding this fall... you have to prepare to debate both sides, which forces you to think in a way you don't often do."

Is being on the debate team really a health-breaking activity? Well, as Dr. Ulrey considers, "on the average tournament trip, the team travels a round trip of about 700 or 800 miles, puts in about 14 hours a day participating in the debates, must be acquainted with the pros and cons of the topic debated, plus attend regular semester classes here at Harding." Decide for yourself.

Martha Denewiler, social work major from Denver, Colo., said, "Debating is definitely wearing to your health, especially early in the year getting ready for the tournaments."



During Miss Deidiker's discourse, Jana Smith, three year veteran, prepares her negative approach in defense of the status quo. Photo by Estes



As first negative speaker Miss Smith refutes the issues, sophomore Richard Paine selects evidence to extend the arguments.

— Bison photo by Estes

Debbie Deidiker, a speech therapy major from Ozark, Mo., said, "It takes as much as you want to put into it... it is not a 'tired' type of work."

What's in it for these people? Roger Castle, social science major from Longmont, Colo., said, "Being on the team has helped me to analyze things — to think, figure things out — more the analysis than the argument."

Miss Deidiker noted that being a debater has "helped me to learn how to research, how to think fast and how to organize."

Dr. Ulrey pointed out that while learning the topic, the debater is also developing his skills in communication. Debating helps to develop the ability to get along with other people — one's debate partner, for one. It improves one's research methods, organization, reasoning and logical thought. It brings one into close mental

contact with people from other colleges in other states."

He also reported that he has eight new members in training now and that anyone interested in participating should apply. Dr. Ulrey noted that there are no specific requirements, only that the student be willing to do his best.

So, if being on the debate team does tear down one's health, according to the debaters, even Tom Estes with his "tired bod," it's worth it. Jana Smith, speech major from Vernon, Tex., perhaps summed up the team's feelings when she said, "I love it... the traveling, the aspect of learning, the idea of meeting other people and their campuses."



Paine gestures to emphasize the crucial factors which demand the judge's support of a national health insurance program.

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Ron Parket (3), Galaxy, makes the stop at first base as Lester Busby (32), Mohican, tries to beat the throw to first.
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Steve Tucker, Galaxy, makes a hit in the championship game.
— Bison photo by Estes

Herd stops nine-game streak

Bisons stun N. E. Mo. 31-20

By Ken Beck

The running of Alan Dixon for 212 yards and the passing of Tom Ed Gooden for 104 yards carried the Football Bisons to a 31-20 victory last Saturday night against Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, Mo.

Dixon rushed 28 times as he totaled 212 yards and scored two touchdowns while Gooden at quarterback threw five passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

Scoring came early in the first quarter for NE Mo. as Gooden threw an interception that allowed Northeast the ball on the Harding 36. In four plays they had a touchdown on a 1-yard dive and the extra point kick was good to make it 7-0 with 10:52 in the first quarter.

Three minutes later Harding made its first score of the night as Dixon rushed around right end on a 29-yard gallop for the TD. Gooden then hit fullback Ted Walters with a pass for the 2-point conversion and Harding was ahead, 8-7.

At 4:48 in the same quarter Northeast scored again on a 1-yard plunge that had been set up by a 43-yard passing play. With the PAT good they led, 14-8.

An interception by defensive halfback Steve Hinds set up the Bison's next score as Dixon scrambled from the 34 for his second score and Gooden's kick put Harding in front, 15-14.

State took the lead once more in mid-second quarter on a 33-yard field goal by John Scrimpskick, but before the half ended

Gooden found split receiver Jack Barber with a pass and Harding held a halftime lead of 22-17.

In the third quarter Gooden completed a pass to fullback Walters in the left flat and Walters ran the final 18 yards untouched for the score. Gooden's extra point attempt was no good as Harding increased its lead to 28-17.

Northeast's Scrimpskick came back with a 40-yard field goal before the quarter ended as they trailed, 28-20.

Harding's defense stifled State's ground game in the final quarter, as the only score was a 27-yard field goal by Gooden, and Harding won her third game of the season, 31-20, over Northeast Missouri State.

Defensive standouts for the Bisons included end Larry Richmond who had 12 tackles and sacked State's quarterback three times in the backfield, linebacker Bubba Hopkins with 11 tackles.

Tomorrow night Harding goes against the Henderson Reddies in its first AIC action of the year.

Harriers race to 17 point win

By Larry Brown

The Bison harriers raced to their fourth and fifth wins last Saturday in Conway to post a 5-0 season record thus far.

Both State College of Arkansas and Arkansas Tech fell to the Harding team. The Bisons tallied only 17 points, while SCA compiled 44 for second place and Tech finished third with 71. The University of Arkansas at Monticello failed to arrive for the meet as schedule.

As in previous weeks, light rain was falling during the five-mile race. Despite the rain and mud, Harding still dumped 13 runners into the top 17 places.

The Bisons also ran an intersquad race during the meet

with the gold squad topping the black squad. The intersquad teams also defeated SCA and Tech in a refiguring of the point totals for a four-team race. Gold

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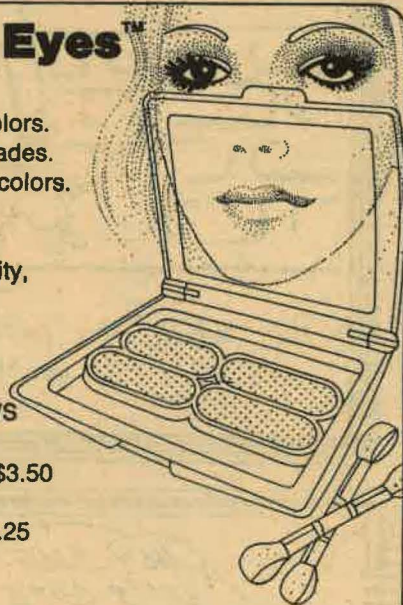
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